

# Green Arms Congress Demands Action Before Session Adjourns

## Gov. Warren, Tobin Back Bargaining

San Francisco.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin and Gov. Earl Warren of California put support of free collective bargaining on a bi-partisan basis at the AFL 70th convention.

Secretary Tobin is a Democrat and Governor Warren a Republican. Secretary Tobin called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law whose spirit, he said, "is to put collective bargaining and labor-management relations in a straitjacket."

He said that at the bargaining table labor and management can contribute more to industrial peace than all the laws in the world.

"The major aim of government should be to stifle as much as possible collective bargaining," he said.

Governor Warren said that California believes in collective bargaining with government assistance, not interference.

"Free collective bargaining in California is as far advanced as anywhere in the world," he said.

The governor said his administration is trying to include every person who works for a living in the unemployment compensation system with sick, disability and hospital benefits for those who are unemployed because of illness.

"We believe that if unemployment compensation is good for some working people, it is good for all," he said. "We are certain these things are good for our state and our country."

## Jap Treaty A Victory

San Francisco.—AFL President William Green called the signing of the Japanese peace treaty "a strategic victory for the free world."

Opening the AFL 70th convention, he said the American people "will permit Soviet Russia to dominate the entire world."

"I am sure it will be the crystallized opinion of this convention that our government must carry on the war in Korea as long as it may be necessary and that it will not consider withdrawing from Korea until Russia is decisively defeated," he said.

Mr. Green said an independent Japan will transform that nation into a new and competent ally in the Pacific.

He said the United Nations must use the strategic victory of the Japanese peace treaty to bring an end to the bloodshed in Korea and to assure Japanese workers the opportunity for free trade unionism.

Unity delegates to the AFL convention and its departmental conventions witnessed sessions of the Japanese peace treaty conferences which preceded the AFL meeting here by a week.

EGYPT'S WORKERS FIGHT COMMUNISTS.—San Francisco.—Typifying support of the AFL 70th convention for the free and anti-Communist workers around the world, AFL Vice President Matthew Woll (left) and AFL President William Green (right) welcome Mohammed Ibrahim Zein el Din of Egypt, representing the Near and Middle East Transport Workers Union, who told the Union Label Trade Department convention how his union helped unload American arms and supplies for defense of the Mediterranean.

## Council Recommends 4 Cents Per Capita

San Francisco.—The AFL Executive Council recommended that the 70th AFL convention raise the per capita tax from 3 to 4 cents per member per month to meet increased obligations without inspiring service.

The Council recommended that the per capita tax from local trade unions and federal labor unions be increased from 37 to 38 cents per member per month.

"The Council finds," it told the convention, "due to the increased obligations of the Federation in the radio and publicity field and in its international labor relations work, plus a general increase of expenses of all kinds, that it will be necessary for the Federation to secure additional revenue if it is going to carry on its work efficiently."

In addition, the Council has assumed the full expense for the educational work of Labor's League for Political Education that there will, in the future, be no necessity for the biannual levying of a voluntary assessment on the national and international unions as was done in 1948 and 1950.

The Council recommended a change

## AFL MEMBERSHIP HITS NEW PEAK

San Francisco.—Membership in the American Federation of Labor stands at a new record peak of 7,446,243.

This is 703,642 more than in 1950 and is the 6th consecutive year to top 7 million. The previous high was 7,577,716 in 1947.

All figures are the total on which per capita tax is paid by affiliated unions.

In the fiscal year so that it would end June 30 instead of the present Aug. 31 date.

It advised against raising the amount of strike benefits available to federal labor unions during an authorized strike.

The last change in the per capita tax was voted at San Francisco in 1947 when the present 3 cents was approved to replace the graduated scale.

## AFL Sees 'Crying Need' for Unity

San Francisco.—The AFL Executive Council told the 70th Convention that the emergency which called for creation of a temporary United Labor Council "now has become a crying need for labor unity in our country."

But, the Council reminded the convention, the AFL has been waiting since August 1950 for word from the Congress of Industrial Organizations and its president, Philip Murray, for the resumption of organic unity negotiations.

AFL representatives on the United Labor Policy Committee withdrew on Aug. 28 with a new invitation to the CIO to resume organic unity talks at the earliest possible convenience.

The CIO delayed an answer, Mr. Murray saying the matter would have to be considered by the CIO executive committee in November in New York City.

In its report, the AFL Executive Council pointed out that unity talks were first proposed by Mr. Murray in April 1950, that he accepted the AFL proposal that such talks take place with organic unity, that meetings were

## Waiting Since August 1950 for CIO to Resume Talks

held July 25 and 26, 1950, in Washington and "considerable progress was made."

"A second meeting of the (negotiating) committee was to be held in Chicago on Aug. 4, 1950, but this meeting was called off due to the illness of President Murray, who indicated he would not be available for the meeting," the Council said.

At the suggestion of the CIO, meetings were postponed indefinitely until such time as President Murray would be able to attend.

"These facts were reported to the AFL 69th convention at Houston last year and the convention and this far countered will in no way retard, defer, or derail the ultimate objective of organic unity through our respective organizations," the Council said.

"We regret to report that this convention (San Francisco) that there have

## Urges 70th Convention Oppose Recalcitrants

San Francisco.—President William Green keynoted the 70th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor with a demand for all-out fight against inflation and Soviet aggression.

More than 700 cheering delegates in the huge, gaily-decorated Civic Auditorium applauded every fighting statement to elect a liberal Congress that would protect the American people from rising prices, Communist aggression and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

State and municipal dignitaries, including Governor Earl Warren and Mayor Elmer E. Robinson, welcomed the representatives of America's biggest and oldest federation of working men and women.

Acting for a record-breaking membership of 7.5 million, the delegates plunged into the task of forging a militant, economic, legislative, political and organizing program to advance the American Federation of Labor and the living standards of all the people.

Resident President Green, Governor Warren and Mayor Robinson, opening sessions of the convention held Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, AFL European Representative Irving Brown, and Nelson Cruikshank, labor representative in the Marshall Plan's office in Paris.

The convention scheduled sessions through Sept. 25, arranged meetings of Labor's League for Political Education, and for participation in the apprenticeship graduation of the San Francisco Labor Council.

A week-long series of conventions by the metal trades, building trades and union label departments, and the International Labor Free of America preceded formal opening of the 70th AFL convention.

In his keynote speech, Mr. Green demanded that Congress enact before this session adjourns—scheduled Oct. 1—the 3 changes in the Defense Production Act requested by President Truman.

"Congress must respond," Mr. Green said.

"If Congress adjourns without giving us some help and relief, without providing a remedy, then we have got to unite our votes politically at the ballot box and vote to keep those Congressmen who refuse to act for us at home."

Mr. Truman asked Congress to repeal the Caperhart, Herlong and Butler-Hughes amendments inserted in the Defense Production Act by Democrats and reactionary Republicans.

Mr. Green charged that these amendments make the Office of Price Stabilization not an agency to hold down prices but to make certain that increases are passed along to the consumers as rapidly as possible, and to create price markets in nature.

He said that inflation is the nation's "enemy within" and made these other points:

1. The Japanese peace treaty won no meetings of the AFL-CIO Unity Committee since our last convention," the Council said.

"The committee of 9 members of our executive Council has been ready, since August of 1950, to meet with the CIO whenever the committee of President Murray's health made this possible. However, there has been no indication on the part of President Murray, or the CIO representatives, that they were ready to resume the negotiating conference long toward organic unity of the American labor movement."

The Council said it had "reviewed American labor movements and the Committee with great satisfaction, that this committee had performed this service in security, for labor representation in the vital agencies of the government."

"It is the opinion of the Executive Council that the emergency, which called for the creation of a temporary committee such as this, has served to bring the crying need for labor unity in our country," the Council concluded.

a strategic victory for the free world in the war against Communism.

2. Under no circumstances will we ever permit Soviet Russia to dominate the entire world and we will not quit until the entire world is decisively defeated.

3. The AFL is going to keep the fight to have the Taft-Hartley law repealed "until we win."

4. We must use every voting power—unit political strength as we unite our economic strength to strike to correct legislation which is wrong upon us.

"Many Senators and Congressmen are saying that because inflationary measures are not as strong as they have been, this entire question of inflation need not be discussed at this session of Congress, but should be postponed until next January," Mr. Green said.

"Postponing this issue, until next January would constitute an admission by Congress that it is unwilling to face the basic economic facts confronting the nation."

"With the defense program now moving into high gear, it would be an unwarranted gamble with the wages of American workers and the pocketbook of the American consumer to expect that inflation will remain quiet until next January."

"Congress should face this issue realistically and repeal these vicious measures which are the cause of the Defense Production Act."

"I know it will be the purpose of this convention to call upon Congress in a voice that must be heard that they must act and protect the consumers of America before Congress adjourns."

## PASS MILLION MARK

Ottawa, Canada.—Unemployment in the U.S. had totaled 1,059,000 in 1950, first time in history to pass the million mark. More than half belonged to the AFL Trades and Labor Congress.

## NEED MEN OF MORAL COURAGE

San Francisco.—Concluding its introduction to its annual report to the AFL 70th Convention, the Executive Council said: "We need, desperately, citizens with moral courage and vision."

"We need such citizens as fit for public service and able to use the power of the vote to make the economy give to all entrusted with authority."

## 110 UNIONS AFFILIATED

San Francisco.—The American Federation of Hosiery Workers, granted an international union charter Aug. 8, is the 110th international union chartered and now affiliated with the AFL. This is an all-time high—more than 4 times the number affiliated to any other Western Hemisphere trade union center.

## Union Label League Urged for Every City

San Francisco.—A Union Label League in every city in America.

That goal was presented at the 43d annual convention of the AFL Union Label League by the department's executive board.

"We urge all AFL affiliated unions to augment our efforts to establish Union Label Leagues in every city in America," the board said. "The work of Union Label Leagues has been expanded under our expanded activities and we are desirous of having them formed in cities where there are none at the present time."

"In many cities the leagues sponsor and publish a local Union Label Directory or Consumer's Guide in order to direct union-earned money into the cash registers of 'fair' merchandisers, manufacturers and service establishments."

The board pointed out that a city Union Label League is composed of regularly-accredited delegates from each affiliated local labor union in good standing with their AFL national and international unions. A Union Label League receives its charter directly from the Union Label League Department.

The principal objective of the leagues is to promote a greater demand for products bearing the union label and for services designated by the shop card or union button.

"During the past year within the entire labor movement greater enthusiasm has been shown for union labels, shop cards and union buttons," the board said.

It pointed to the largest-attended (924,857 people) Union Industries Show ever held (Chicago, June 5-10), and the most widely celebrated (San Francisco, Sept. 2-4), in history.

## Women Mark 15th Year

San Francisco.—The American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor is 15 years old.

The movement, created in 1936, is making steady progress, the executive board of the AFL Union Label League reported to the 43d annual department convention.

"The officials, and members of women's auxiliaries have been especially helpful in all campaigns for union label, shop card and union button," the board said.

"The housewife usually spends almost all of the earned money in the home and thereby she becomes a very important factor in demanding union-label goods and services."

"A strong organization of wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of AFL members would be a powerful ally in all battles for better working conditions and higher living standards for the entire labor movement."

### GAIN 6,000 MEMBERS

Chicago.—Secretary-Treasurer Earl W. McMahon of the Chicago Building Trades Council reported that unions affiliated with the council gained 6,000 workers in the first 9 months of 1951 for a total membership of 115,000.

## Caphearth Amendment a 'Fraud' Says AFL Assistant Economist

The American Federation of Labor has called for complete repeal of the various Caphearth amendment to the Defense Production Act.

This was the testimony presented Sept. 13 by Peter Henle, AFL Assistant Economist, to a subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, headed by Senator A. W. Robertson, Democrat of Virginia. The subcommittee is holding hearings on the President's request that this amendment to the Defense Production Act, adopted last July, be repealed.

Mr. Henle attacked the Caphearth amendment as a "fraud on the American people" because it does not abolish the structure and administrative organization of price control authority, it does establish a rigid, automatic, cost-plus system of pricing which renders this authority helpless to prevent a substantial increase in prices.

The AFL testimony analyzed a proposal by Senator J. Frank Pendergast, of South Carolina, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, which would modify the Caphearth amendment instead of repealing it.

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### DELAYED BOOST

San Francisco.—The AFL Metal Trades Department persuaded the Atomic Energy Commission to postpone a rent hike set for Aug. 1 until Oct. 1.

Department President James A. Brownlow told the 42d convention that "it is hoped that a more equitable solution to the problem will be reached by that time."

Mr. Brownlow had protested the rent boost in government-owned homes at atomic energy installations because there is no other housing available for workers and the boost is contrary to national policy to hold the line on rents.

outright. Mr. Henle commented that Senator Maybank's proposal "will not make any significant difference in the ceiling prices set by OPS or in the prices charged to American consumers."

The proposal by Senator Maybank would help to relieve the financial burden on the Office of Price Administration imposed by the War Relocation Authority, according to the AFL testimony. However, according to Mr. Henle, the new proposal does not make any change in the basic principle of the cost-plus Caphearth amendment. "It is still a cost-plus amendment. Every single item of cost is included, both direct and indirect. Each and every one of these costs must be reflected in higher prices."

Mr. Henle pointed out that "to the housewife there can be little difference between an effectively functioning OPS that has to set higher ceiling prices and an OPS that has the power to paperwork that has to set higher ceiling prices."

For this reason the AFL urged the subcommittee to reject the Maybank proposal and instead repeal the entire Caphearth amendment.

### Papers Raise \$6,000 for Boy

Reading, Pa.—The Reading, Pa., New Era and Harrisburg, Pa., Pennsylvania Labor News raised more than \$6,000 in contributions for medical treatment of Ralph Thierwechter, Jr., 4, stricken with cancer.

Despite the efforts of specialists, the youngster died of cancer of the lungs on Labor Day.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thierwechter, Sr., Lebanon, Pa., one of 5 children. His father is a member of the AFL Retail Clerks. The balance of the expenses of the Cancer Fund was turned over to the Pennsylvania Cancer Society.

## Brown & Root Forced to Pay

Washington.—The AFL has recovered more than \$22,000 in wages for workers employed by Brown & Root, Houston, Tex., contractors on the Bull Shoals Dam, in Arkansas, who paid the men less than rates established by the Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act.

The AFL Building Trades Department Bulletin reported that wages the workers who had been defrauded averaged over \$1,000 more a year than were underpaid and many of the 100 men lost checks for \$200 to \$300.

Hundreds of other workers have made claims for wages because of misclassification at lower rates by Brown & Root, who may have to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars withheld from workers if U. S. Army and Labor Department investigators carry through investigations begun at the request of the AFL.

Brown & Root is the Houston outfit which has filed a law suit for damages against the AFL in Texas courts which has become one of the most expensive pieces of litigation in trade union history.

The AFL Building Trades Department has been instrumental also in recovering more than \$400,000 in wages for workers who had been defrauded by contractors under the National Housing Act who paid less than the scale established by the government.

### BANS WETBACKS

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin cautioned prospective users of Mexican farm workers that they must discharge any "wetback" (those who enter the country illegally, usually by swimming the Rio Grande river) in their employ by Sept. 11 to be eligible to contract Mexican workers under the new migratory pact signed by the Mexican and United States governments on Aug. 11.

Mr. Tobin said that under the pact permission to bring in Mexican workers may be denied any employer who has "wetbacks" working for him 30 days after the agreement is signed. The pact provides also that after an employer has contracted for and is using Mexican farm workers under the agreement, his contract may be revoked and the workers removed if it is determined that he has illegal workers.

### CRIPPLED CARE UP

Washington.—A child who received care under state crippled children's programs during 1950 than in any year since the program started.



PLEDGES BETTER WORLD FOR CHILDREN.—Dr. Martha M. Eliot (left), appointed by President Truman as 4th chief of U. S. Children's Bureau, pledges 9-point program to help the nation's youngsters to better health, protection from such evils as the "black market in babies," and to a happy adjustment to society. She shows her commission of office to her professor, Katharine Lenroot. Dr. Eliot is a native of Dorchester, Mass.

## 9-Point 10-Year Program Set for Nation's Children

Washington.—Dr. Martha Eliot upon inauguration as 4th chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau said:

"The most important task to be undertaken in the decade ahead is to spread to all parents and to all people working with children an understanding of how and why a warm, close, parent-child relationship in infancy and childhood can give a child the sense of security he needs for insulation against his own feelings of frustration and his desire for uncontrolled aggression."

Dr. Eliot, who succeeds Katharine Lenroot, said there is "a great deal more" which the nation can do for its children now despite limitations imposed by defense needs. She said:

"1. Let us take vigorous steps to decrease the number of prematurely-born infants and to save many more of those who are prematurely born. This is the biggest help we can give to our nation's children in the first years through their first year of life. It means better maternal care, as well as better infant care."

"2. We must make sure that each mother not only comes through the maternity period alive, but with abundant health for herself and her child."

"3. I hope we can wipe out the 'black market' in babies. We know what good adoption laws and practice are, and we have demonstrated how effectively they can protect the rights of the child, his natural parents, and his adoptive parents. Let's get them operating and working."

"4. We must tackle the problem of preventing all kinds of congenital defects, first by preventing them, and improve our techniques in helping children to overcome the handicaps that cannot be prevented."

"5. Let us step up our work for children with epilepsy and other chronic conditions. With the new diagnostic and treatment practices we have right now for epilepsy, we could enable 80 percent of children with epilepsy to lead normal, useful lives if we were to make sure that everyone got the proper treatment and care."

"6. We must determine to do a great deal more for the many thousands of children who do not hear or see well. We need hearing and speech centers accessible everywhere to children with impaired hearing."

"7. We must get a great deal more skilled help to children before they get into trouble with society. This means building up our social and health services for children in their own homes and communities."

"8. Let us wipe out every trace of brutal, degrading, and harsh treatment of youngsters in our training schools, and substitute informed and intelligent handling of these children so that they are helped to fit into society instead of fighting it all their lives."

"9. Let us see how many parents, doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers, and other children's workers can be helped to understand what is important about the emotional and social development of children, so that they can give the knowledge into their everyday dealings with parents and with children."



## 75-Cent Wage Helps Women

Washington.—The 75 cents an hour minimum wage enacted by the labor-elected 81st Congress sent women's wages upward.

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said that in 1949, 10 of 25 industries showed that after passage of the law, raising the federal legal minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour, women's wages rose from 3 to 9 cents an hour between October 1949 and March 1950.

The increase in earnings from October 1949 to March 1950 was much greater for women than for men in the industries and areas covered by the survey.

### HEADS LEGION POST

Los Angeles.—C. J. "Curry" Hyman, Southern California field representative of the California State Federation of Labor, was installed as commander of the Los Angeles American Legion Post 352, composed exclusively of AFL members.

Known officially as "AFL Union Labor Post No. 352," the Los Angeles unit is one of the oldest of its kind in the nation, being chartered in 1929.

Courtesy The Workman

## Government Workers Ask AFL Back 35-Hour Week

San Francisco.—The AFL Government Employees Council submitted to the AFL 70th convention 4 resolutions asking AFL enforcement of a 35-hour week for federal workers, restoration of 20 days annual leave, and a member of the U. S. Civil Service Commission to be appointed from the American Federation of Labor.

The resolutions called also for U. S.

recognition of federal worker employee unions, establishment of seniority principles among U. S. employees, removal of Communists and members of any other subversive groups from government, upward wage increases for postal and federal workers.

One resolution committed the AFL to work for rescinding of the orders of Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson reducing mail deliveries from 2 to 1 a day.

### NOTE DEATH OF 6

San Francisco.—The AFL Metal Trades Department noted deaths during the year of 6 prominent union officials: A. P. Persion, general secretary Hod Carriers; Herbert Rivers, vice president Hod Carriers and secretary-treasurer AFL Building and Construction Trades Department; Frank A. Fitzgerald, secretary-treasurer Operating Engineers; Louis M. Wicklein, general secretary Sheet Metal Workers; Frank Vincent, 3d vice president Sheet Metal Workers; Frank Brown, member Molders' Union for 46 years.

### E. C. PHOTOS FOR EDITORS

Washington.—The AFL Weekly News Service herewith furnishes a set of 1-col. mats of members of the AFL Executive Council for use as editors choose.

It is respectfully suggested that editors also file the mats for future use to dress up stories. Some extras are on hand if needed.—Editor.



GOV. WARREN TO BUY UNION.—Sacramento, Calif.—California's popular Gov. Earl Warren tells Raymond Leheny, secretary-treasurer AFL Union Label Trades Department, that he will "buy union." Governor Warren, scheduled to greet the AFL Convention in San Francisco, met Mr. Leheny at the California State Fair.

### PRAISE SPECIAL EDITION

San Francisco.—The AFL Union Label Trades Department "gratefully acknowledged" in its annual report the special Union Industries Show edition of "The Federation News," weekly newspaper of the Chicago Federation of Labor, edited by Irwin Klass. The 32-page special appeared on the show's opening day.

### PANAMA TAX DEFEATED

San Francisco.—AFL legislative representatives persuaded Congress to eliminate a provision making an income tax on U. S. employees in Panama retroactive to 1950. Congress changed the law to make it effective in 1951, the same as for the states, the Metal Trades Department convention was told.

## Truman Lauds Labor Editors

San Francisco.—President Truman sent a message of greeting to the 40th anniversary convention of the International Labor Press of America.

In a letter to AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, ILPA president, Mr. Truman said:

"The editors of the labor press have always done a magnificent job in the cause of bettering the lot of the American working man. Even greater challenges lie ahead."

"With the steadfast support of all Americans, especially labor, we cannot fail in our objective of preserving freedom."

### LABOR HISTORY 25c

Washington.—Copies of the new, comprehensive, pocket-size "Brief History of the American Labor Movement," Bureau of Labor Statistics Bulletin No. 1,000, may be ordered from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 25 cents a copy, with 25 percent discount on orders of 100 or more.

## The Executive Council--San Francisco, 1951



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## Ever AFL Member Must Know What Constitutes Freedom

San Francisco.—The AFL Executive Council told the 7th Convention that the past year has been a fruitful period in which it has become crystal clear that "totalitarian warlords seek to destroy Christian morality and all that Christian tradition has bequeathed us."

It called for the AFL to take the lead "in a movement to reclaim facts and information that would enable trade unionists everywhere to study these basic principles of life—which are a guide to action in every phase of life—work, community relationships, party action and government."

Following is the text of the conclusion of the Council report on the year which would be read at every local union meeting:

"We look forward to continued conflict with active fighting if that course favors the long-time plans. "We know Stalin is now trying time in order to be better prepared for sudden attack on the United States. We also know that if Stalin is to be defeated, the United States must assume responsibility for that action and can accept as allies only such nations willing to gain a victory over our chief enemy."

"This will be a war of nerves and will, regardless of munitions used."

"One of the most important contributions unions and all other voluntary organizations can make to the maintenance of our way of life is to make sure that all our members understand what constitutes freedom—their duties and responsibilities."

"There are certain constitutional rights assured

every citizen which provide opportunities for freedom—but real freedom in determining one's own life is something each individual has to assume for himself."

"Only the will of the person concerned can make him free. "Our voluntary organizations can and should help perpetuate understanding of the principles of freedom, with its attendant duties and responsibilities, and thus help succeeding generations to make these principles effective in their living. We are apt too often to take our freedom for granted, unmindful of the principles which give it reality."

"There has been little discussion of these principles since the days of the Founding Fathers."

"We recommend that the American Federation of Labor take the lead in a movement for which the Federation would provide and recommend data and information that would enable trade unionists everywhere to study these basic principles which are a guide to action in every phase of life—work, community relationships, party action and government."

"Since we believe in the principle of individual responsibility, we need to make the necessary educational arrangement to strengthen the understanding and convictions of all trade unionists for the global contests with advocates of totalitarian aggression."

"It is character—moral stamina and intellectual integrity—that are necessary to the maintenance of freedom at home and abroad."

"Whatever serves to strengthen these qualities will make our freedom more secure and keep our influence at high levels."

## Council Lists Union Changes

San Francisco.—The AFL Executive Council during 1951 issued charters to 2 national unions, approved the amalgamation of 4 others and received the reaffiliation of the International Association of Machinists.

Following are the official changes listed in the report to the AFL 70th Convention:

Executive Council—James C. Peelle, president American Federation of Municipalities, elected 15th vice president Jan. 22 to succeed the late Joseph Weber who died Dec. 1950.

Machinists—Reaffiliated Jan. 1, regarding their reaffiliation as independent unions and responsibilities.

Insurance Agents' International Union—Charter granted May 15 covering 230 local unions directly affiliated to AFL.

American Federation of Holy Workers—Charter issued Aug. 8 covering 30,000 members "the stipulation that only those employed as holy workers come under the jurisdiction of these international unions, and that the officers of the American Federation of Holy Workers would recognize and respect the jurisdiction granted all other national and international unions chartered by the AFL."

Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons International Association of the United States and Canada—"This new charter approved."

Amalgamation Meat Cutters and Leather Workers Unions—Approved. Amalgamation Painters and Blacksmiths—Approved under new name "International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers."

## Warren Urges Study of U.S. Constitution

San Francisco.—Gov. Earl Warren of California noted that the AFL 70th convention opened on September 17, the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787 in Philadelphia.

It is never out of order in American gatherings to make a profession of faith," he said.

It is appropriate here because the American Federation of Labor and American in name, American in concept and American in action. He said Americans must study the constitution and continue to give life and spirit to its words "in order that it may serve the needs of the people of every generation under the conditions that confront them."

"Never," he said, "can its provisions be frozen to conditions of the past. Always must it be oriented to the present in which the people live."



BIG CITY'S MISS UNION LABEL.—New York.—Manhattan Borough President Robert F. Wagner (left) and Miss Alice Lane, member of American Guild of Variety Artists chosen "Miss Union Label Week" by the AFL, are seen with a group of children at the opening of a new bar car by President Jack Townsend of Barden's Union Local 15 on Mr. Massbach (right), manager of Fiddle Restaurant during Union Label Week.

## Metal Trades Vote Atomic Energy Drive, Better Deal by U. S.

San Francisco.—The 42d convention of the AFL Metal Trades Department voted a broadly-planned organizing drive in the atomic energy industry and for a many-sided fight for a better deal from the United States government in annual leave, unemployment compensation and other improvements for federal workers.

The convention condemned the action of the 82d Congress in cutting annual leave government employees from 26 days to 20. It called for an intensive effort to restore the cut and for a broad legislative program of employment compensation, severance pay and other wage, hour and retirement improvements.

In other actions, delegates: 1. Urged that all government personnel in Navy yards to perform work which should be done by civilian employees.

2. Called for a continuing organizing campaign in Southern California.

3. Endorsed building a U. S. merchant marine to meet this country's needs in peace and emergency.

4. Reaffirmed support of statehood for Hawaii and Alaska.

5. Favored free transportation for Panama Canal Zone school children and other improvements in the Canal Zone.

6. Elected 6 vice presidents of the department, with President Brownlow and Secretary-Treasurer B. A. Griffin making up the executive council, were re-elected. They are:

Gen. Charles J. McGowan, BFL-makers; 2d, George G. Lynch, Pattern Makers; 3d, Daniel W. Tracy, Electric Workers; 4th, John Fokker, Blacksmiths; 5th, John H. Lyons, Iron Workers; 6th, Chester A. Sample, Molders and Foundry Workers.

San Francisco.—The AFL will shortly issue an informative pamphlet on the subject of pension plans.

The pamphlet was prepared by a special committee assigned to study pension and welfare plans by collective bargaining between unions and employers.

AFL Vice President William L. Hutchins is chairman of the committee with Vice President Matthew Wolf and Secretary-Treasurer George Meyer as other members.

SEY CONVENTION

Asbury Park, N. J.—The New Jersey State AFL will hold its 1952 convention in Asbury Park, N. J., for the first time in 14 years, May 19-22.



AFL SLAVE MAP ANGRERS GROMYKO.—San Francisco.—Top photo: A copy of AFL map showing labor camps in Communist Russia is handed to Andrei Gromyko (left), Soviet delegate to the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference. Bottom photo shows where the map was thrown on the floor by an obviously uncomfortable Mr. Gromyko. Copies of the map, with documentary proof of the existence of the camps in which 14 million slaves are forced to work, may be obtained from the Free Trade Union Committee, American Federation of Labor, 1718 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

## Building Trades Seek Material Allocations For Full Employment

San Francisco.—The AFL Building and Construction Trades Department endorsed close cooperation with contractors to impress the Defense Production Administration with "the necessity of allocating sufficient steel to the construction industry to provide for normal employment of construction workers for the coming year."

The department's 44th convention acted on a report by President Richard J. Gray that "as things are going now, the industry is threatened with a great let-down, if not stagnation, within the next year or two."

"Already the restrictions which have been imposed upon construction have begun to cause serious dislocations and strains in the industry," Mr. Gray said. "The question of what is to happen to the industry and all employees is within the next 2 years becomes more serious each day."

He said that unless there is more careful planning and scheduling of both defense and nondefense work there will be widespread unemployment and a shutdown of the industry in many places, just as happened in World War II after plant construction had been completed.

Besides urging steps to avert these dislocations, the convention urged:

1. Closer cooperation among affiliates.

ated unions in organizing, especially on the large projects and in small home construction.

2. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, but until that is accomplished immediate action should be taken to exempt the building and construction industry from representation and union shop elections.

3. Opposition to the Machinists and Maintenance of Way Employees in a strike to take over and perform building trades jobs.

4. Increased political activity to elect a Congress which will repeal Taft-Hartley and in the States to prevent enactment and to work for repeal of laws damaging to labor.

5. Expanded housing program, continued rent controls, stronger Defense Production Act to control prices.

The 8 vice presidents who make up the department executive council, with President Gray and Secretary-Treasurer Joseph D. Keenan, were re-elected. They are:

1st, L. P. Lindolf, Painters; 2d, William J. McSorley, Lathers; 3d, Daniel J. Tobin, Tensmiths; 4th, Robert Byron, Sheet Metal Workers; 5th, William E. May, Operating Engineers; 6th, Martin P. Durkin, Plumbers; 7th, M. A. Hutcherson, Carpenters; 8th, Peter Fosen, Hod Carriers.



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